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INTRODUCTION

The reader should bear in mind that few of those who are in Mission Study classes will be able to find time to read all these books. To do so would be to devote a disproportionate amount of energy to the study of one country, when the needs of every portion of the mission field are pressing upon us. But many members of classes in their private reading may find that some one feature of the subject especially appeals to them, and they may be willing and anxious to pursue their study a little further by themselves. One may be interested in the geography, another in the natural resources, another in the political movements, another in the native religions and still another in the native languages of Africa. The following list is very far from being exhaustive. The narratives of such travellers as Mungo Park, Burkhardt, Burton, Speke, Livingstone and Baker are excluded, because we know more or can know more of Africa than their books can tell us, and perhaps some of our readers may think that Stanley's books, too, should have been omitted. There is much that is valuable and a little that is worthless in the list, and an honest endeavor has been made to distinguish between the two.

For a class of beginners, *Daybreak on The Dark Continent* or *Christus Liberator* is useful for information. These provide the skeleton to be built upon. It may be that the part of Africa where the American

Church has its Missions has been selected as the subject for study, or some other part of the Continent, the scene of the missions of the Church of England. To make the work of finding just what such students require as simple as possible, the books have been grouped under the heads of the Special Missions of the Anglican Church, although volumes about the work of other missionary societies and accounts of the country are included with the publications of the Church—care being taken to specify the author and the special scope of his work. For classes of children the teacher must make her own selections.

For those who lack the time to peruse extended works and treatises, yet desire to familiarize themselves to some extent with the work of the Church in various parts of Africa, there are pamphlets which give the principal facts in the lives of Missionary Bishops, and the chief events in the work of Mission stations. Some of the Bishops whose lives have been abridged are Bishop Crowther, Bishop Hannington, Bishop Mackenzie, Bishop Steere, Bishop Smythies and Bishop Gray. There are short accounts of Mashonaland, Hausa Land, The Yoruba Mission, The Eastern Equatorial Africa Mission and The West African Missions, and the *Reminiscences of an Old Zulu Woman* tells in a pathetic manner the story of work in Zulu Land. Most of these are published at prices ranging from a penny to a shilling, by the Church Missionary Society or by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

Some books are not to be recommended. They are so indicated in the reviews, and mention is only made of them to show that they have been read and ex-

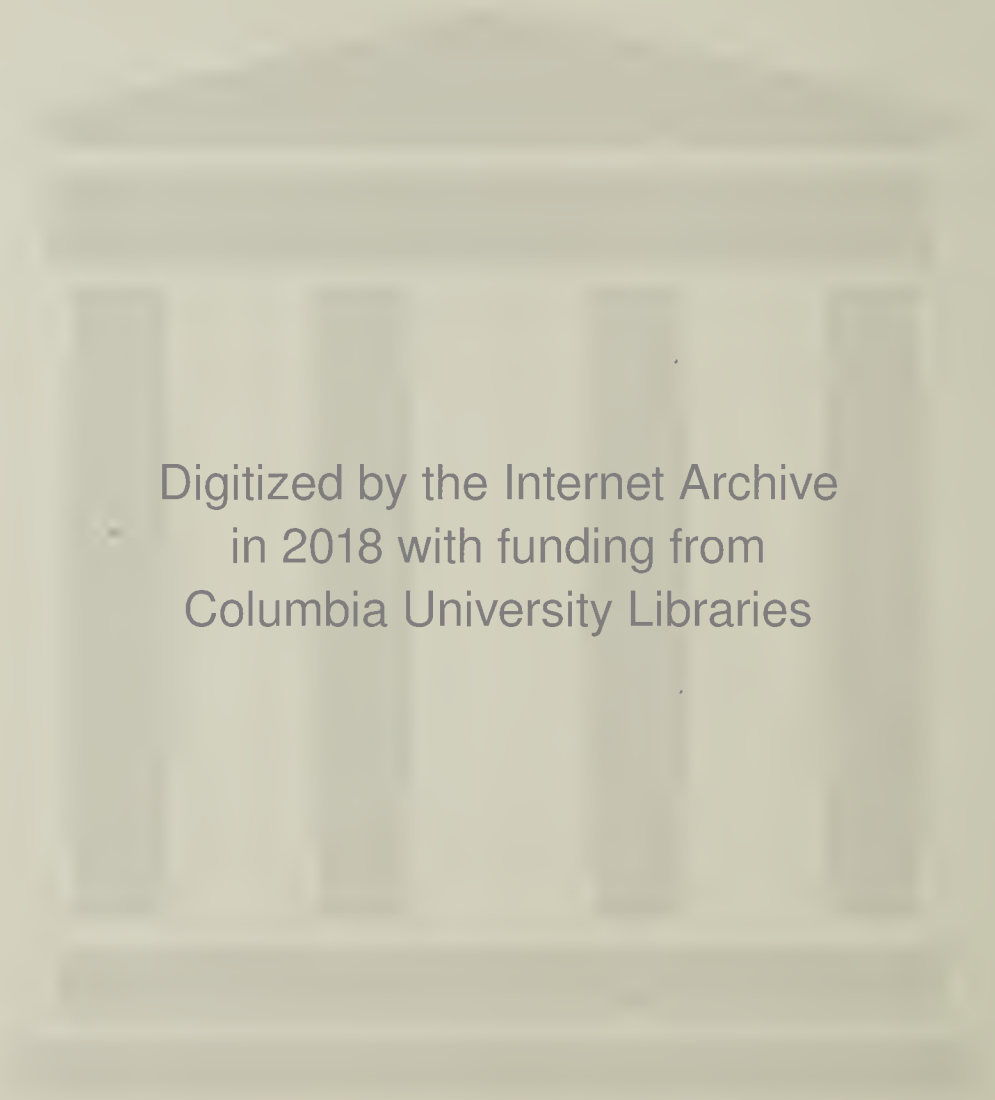
amined, not overlooked. They are not recommended for several reasons.

1. They may have been of value in their day, but their day has passed.

2. They deal with trivial details.

3. They are written from a distinctly irreligious standpoint.

Any one of these three objections renders them utterly valueless to a mission study class. In some cases their literary worth is considerable, but our classes are studying Missions and not literature. It is hoped that this Bibliography may be of some help to those who have little opportunity to examine books before purchasing them.



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CENTRAL AFRICA

CENTRAL AFRICA, ON THE THRESHOLD OF, by Francois Coillard.
Cloth, 12mo., pp. 663. London: Hodder & Stoughton,
1903. Price 7s. 6d.

The scene of the work of Monsieur Coillard and his wife is the country of Lewanika, the African king who attracted so much attention in England at the time of the coronation of King Edward VII, and we know no better book on Barotseland, a vast territory little known as yet, stretching northwest of the Victoria Falls, and in touch with the Congo Free State on the north and the Germans on the west. Troubled by both these kingdoms Lewanika asked for the protection of England, and now reigns in peace in his land. Monsieur and Madame Coillard belonged to the French Protestant Mission, which has done so much work in Basutoland, and which was among the very first to plant the cross in Barotseland. Madame Coillard died at her post and is buried in that country. Her husband is continuing his work among Lewanika's people. His book, which is a second edition, will interest two classes of readers—those who are interested in South Africa as a country, and those who are interested in it as a Mission Field. There is a first rate map in the volume, and several excellent photographs of natives to illustrate race types.

CENTRAL AFRICA, PIONEERING IN, by Samuel P. Verner.
Cloth, 8vo., pp. 486. Richmond: Presbyterian Committee
of Publication, 1903. Price \$2.00.

One would make no mistake in choosing this book for a Mission Study Library. The author, a Southerner, was led to devote himself to the mission field by reading the life of Livingstone, and that great explorer's dying words, "May the blessing of Almighty God come down on all—American, English or Turk, who will come to heal this

open sore of the world", made a great impression upon him. Up the Congo by steamer to Livingstone Falls, by bearer and on foot to Stanley Pool, by steamer again up the Congo to its Junction with the Kasai, up the Kasai to the mouth of the Luebo, then on foot to the mission station—a distance of ten thousand miles. Then the usual life of a missionary—manual labor or oversight of others, learning, teaching, preaching, then illness, the return and a book, the book being a most simple, unaffected account of native conditions and his own experiences, permeated with a spirit of great hopefulness regarding the future of Central Africa.

CENTRAL AFRICA, TWENTY YEARS IN, by the Rev. H. Rowley. Cloth, 16 mo. London: W. W. Gardner, 1881. Price 3s. 6d.

Mr. Rowley was one of the Church Missionary Society workers in its early days, and his story, largely in diary form, gives a graphic account of some of the many trials and hardships which the devoted missionary in Africa still is obliged to encounter. The narrative is of interest in its depiction of bygone conditions, and should cause all who are interested in Missions to "thank God and take courage" for the undoubted advance. It describes conditions which no longer exist, however, and on this account has little value from the point of view of the present day.

CONGO LAND, CIVILIZATION IN, by H. R. Fox-Bourne. Cloth, 8vo., pp. 303. London: P. S. King & Co., 1903. Price 10s., 6d.

Such value as this book has is largely political. It is an expose of the methods of some of the foreign powers in the development of the resources of the Congo Free State. A book of this description is worthless as soon as the conditions depicted are at an end, and the newspapers since its publication have contained so many indictments of the Belgians, and so much in regard to the Belgian atrocities in the Congo Free State, that its comparatively temperate statements are likely to be quite overlooked.

DARK CONTINENT, THROUGH THE, by Henry M. Stanley. Half leather, 8vo., 2 vols., pp. 522 and 480. New York: Harper & Bros., 1878. Price \$7.50.

Stanley's first African trip is recorded in "How I Found Livingstone." When the news reached London, in 1874, of Livingstone's death, Mr. Stanley was sent to finish his work and to discover if possible the sources of the Nile. He landed at Zanzibar and after encountering and surmounting many difficulties, discovered the source of the Nile in Victoria Nyanza. This sounds like very ancient history but there are chapters concerning the early days of Uganda which are worth reading even now, when the continent of Africa has been thrown open from east to west, and when generations of school boys know more about its physical configuration than did Stanley himself. The continent was traversed and the explorer returned home by way of the Livingstone River and the Atlantic Ocean.

DARKEST AFRICA, IN, by Henry M. Stanley. Half leather, 8vo., 2 vols., pp. 547 and 480. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1890. Price \$7.50.

The story of how Stanley found Emin Pasha is second in interest only to the story of how he found Livingstone, yet they give one a better idea of the dangers to be encountered by African explorers than they do of the opportunities of the Mission field. There is kindly allusion to Mackay of Uganda, but nothing new concerning him. When the book appeared there was much interest manifested in the Dark Forest, and the strange little race of Pygmies, but recent travellers have told us far more, and Stanley's books are beginning to have historic value, like Burton's, Speke's, or Baker's.

DARK CONTINENT, DAYBREAK IN THE, by Wilson S. Naylor. Cloth, 16mo., pp. 304. New York: The Young People's Missionary Movement, 1905. Price 60c.

One of the valuable recent manuals which is continually needed for reference. The author, working under Bishop Hartzell of the Methodist Mission, visited the main missionary stations from the east to the west coasts of

Africa, and writes with impartiality and sincerity of the good work done in so widely scattered spots. The book is prepared for mission study bands, and is admirably fitted to give a comprehensive view.

JUNGLE FOLK OF AFRICA, THE, by Robert H. Milligan. Cloth, 12mo., pp. 380. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1908.

There is a breeziness and dash about this book which is attractive in its way, and there is much information regarding the people of whom he writes. But, though the author is, presumably a missionary, he has so little to say of his work that he might almost as well have been a traveller or trader, with good moral instincts. There is a coarseness of fibre manifested in the way he speaks of these people, and so marked a deficiency in ideals that the book is painful to one who remembers what Mackay, and Hannington, and the long roll of martyred missionaries wrote concerning the greatness of their opportunity and the preciousness of these heathen souls in the sight of God.

LIVINGSTONIA, DAYBREAK IN, by James W. Jack, M. A. Cloth, 12mo., pp. 356. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1900. Price \$1.50.

Livingstone reached South Africa on his first trip in 1840 and remained until 1856. When he returned home he published his first book, *Missionary Travels*, which gave the civilized world a new conception of the Dark Continent. He left for Africa again in 1858 and returned in 1864, when he published "*The Zambesi and Its Tributaries*." In 1866 he made his third and last and greatest expedition, with the object of discovering into what bodies of water the northern streams of Central Africa flowed. It was reported that he was dead and more than three years passed without any news of him. The New York Herald sent Stanley in search, and Stanley found him in the heart of Africa in 1871. He remained there in spite of Stanley's pleadings and died in a native hut in 1873. On account of his self-sacrificing death, the whole matter of a mission in Central Africa became alive again, and a new mission was started at Lake Nyassa, called Livingstonia in memory of the great traveller, under the direction

of the Free Kirk of Scotland. Mr. Jack has written a most interesting and absorbing account of the founding, progress and present status of this wonderful missionary enterprise.

LIVINGSTONE, DAVID, by Palgrave. Office of the U. M. C. A., 9 Darmonth St., Westminster, S. W. 9d.

This, as its price shows, is simply a short sketch of the life of the great missionary and explorer, and deals chiefly in his relations to the work of the founding of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa. It gives all the student who is taking up the work of the Anglican Church in Central Africa as part of a general course of a few lessons on the entire continent needs to read about Livingstone. If, however, he wishes to enter more fully into the personal life and work of the explorer he must turn to the larger biographies.

LIVINGSTONE, DAVID, by Thomas Hughes. Cloth, 16mo. English Men of Letters Series. pp. 208. Price 75 cents. London: Macmillan & Co., 1889.

The Personal Life of David Livingstone, by Blaikie, should be read as an introduction to this, for there is only a short chapter devoted to Livingstone's life before he went to Africa. After that, the narrative is very complete, and is written with great sympathy and understanding. The small size of the book, in these days of multiplication of large and elaborate volumes, is a not inconsiderable point in its favor. There is much use made of the letters and Journals of Livingstone, which adds greatly to the freshness and directness of the book.

LIVINGSTONE, THE PERSONAL LIFE OF DAVID, by W. Garden Blaikie, D. D. Cloth, 12mo., pp. 492. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1880.

We all are acquainted with the marvelous work which Livingstone accomplished in opening to civilization the interior of The Dark Continent. He was the source of inspiration to many of those who have succeeded him, Stanley among the first; but to understand what this power to win, to influence, to compel, consisted in, it is necessary to know what his heredity and environment

were. The son of a tailor, apprenticed to the spinning trade, descended from a long line of Scottish Covenanters, he had the same enduring, granitic qualities as the finest flower of our Puritanism. Working all summer and saving his money for his winter expenses, he studied medicine and science, as well as theology, to fit himself for his life work. One rises from a perusal of these fascinating pages understanding more fully the personality of the great man by whom so mighty things were wrought.

MASAI, THE. THEIR LANGUAGE AND FOLK-LORE, by A. C. Hollis. With an introduction by Sir Charles Eliot. Cloth, 8vo., pp. 356. Oxford: The Clarendon Press, 1905. Price 14s.

The Masai occupy a considerable part of the large plains which extend from about one degree north of the Equator to six degrees south of it, situated in both British and German East Africa. Their language is one of peculiar interest to scholars, and their stories, proverbs, riddles, songs and accounts of their own customs and beliefs are all very curious, and are given in the words of the relators themselves. The author's object in writing this book is to preserve some record of the language before it is mixed with that of other tribes. It is considered advisable that English civil servants resident in Africa should have a fair working knowledge of some one of the leading African languages; and this book, prepared by a writer of known linguistic ability, puts before all interested a knowledge of both the customs and language of the Masai.

NGONI, AMONG THE WILD, by W. A. Elmslie. Cloth, 16mo., pp. 316. Edinburgh and London: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, 1899.

It would be hard to select a better volume for a Mission Study Library than this series of chapters in the history of the Livingstonia Mission in British Central Africa. The author, a medical missionary, went to the shores of Lake Nyassa and dwelt with the savages of the Ngoni tribe, with only two companions, one a converted Kafir, who acted as his interpreter, the other a Scotch agriculturist, who was only tolerated by the tribe because of his

usefulness. Schools were forbidden, and even preaching was discouraged, but by his care for the sick and dying, Dr. Elmslie won, first the toleration, then the respect and at last the friendship of the tribe. Missionaries have come and gone, death has been busy among them, but surely nowhere in all missionary annals is there a more modest, brave Christian.

SOUTH CENTRAL AFRICA, REALITY VERSUS ROMANCE IN, FROM BENGUELA ON THE WEST TO THE MOUTH OF THE ZAMBESI, by J. Johnston. Half calf, 8v., pp. 353. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1893. Price \$4.00.

The author of this book tells a story somewhat at variance with those of other travellers. He was successful in taking photographs, escaping quarrels and illnesses and in getting along with the natives. His view of missionaries is that they are not needed by the natives, but necessary for the whites, and that without medical missionaries the country would be impossible for civilized races. A rather oblique testimony to their importance in a new community. *See also titles under East Central, East and West Africa and Uganda.*

YANKEE IN PYGMY LAND, A, by William Edgar Geil. Cloth, 8vo., pp. 409. London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1905. Price \$1.50.

The word Yankee is usually a term of reproach, and we are forced to admit that if all Yankees were like the author of this book the reproach would be well founded. The book has interest and a certain degree of merit, but Mr. Geil did much less than Stanley, and tells of it with much more blowing of trumpets and booming of great guns. There are many interesting photographs, the most numerous and in Mr. Geil's opinion the most interesting being pictures of Mr. Geil, and of his portmanteau marked in large letters, G E I L. There is a frontispiece of Mr. Geil, many pictures of Mr. Geil in places of great danger, and toward the end a picture of Mr. Geil, "the greatest living traveller." We feel sorry for Mr. Geil's secretary who accompanied him on his trip, and whose spirit must have waxed faint and sore.

CHRISTUS LIBERATOR. Ellen C. Parsons. *See General.*

CHRONICLES OF UGANDA. R. P. Ashe. *See Uganda.*

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY, HISTORY OF THE, by Eugene Stock. 3 vols. pp. 2075, with maps and many portraits. 18s. net. *See General.*

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR AFRICA AND THE EAST. Annual Report. 2s.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY. Story of the Year. Illustrated. 1s.

CHURCH MISSIONARY GLEANER. Monthly illustrated. Postpaid 1s. 6d. per annum.

CHURCH MISSIONARY REVIEW. Postpaid 6s. per annum.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY. Mercy and Truth. Monthly record of Medical Missions. 1s. 6d. per annum.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY. Round World, The. Monthly record for children. Postpaid 1s. per annum.

The large history is more of a reference work to use like an encyclopædia than for general reading. It is invaluable to the student who wishes a review of the story, told in clear, concise, and readable form, of the Church of England's Missions in Egypt, Sierra Leone, West Central Africa, East Africa and Uganda. Whoso wishes, however, to keep up with the wonderful progress made by these missions and to present to others a picture of the work must be provided with either the full official report, or its popular summary in the "Story of the Year", and one or more of the magazines—for general purposes, preferably, "The Gleaner"; for scholarly reviews and critical outlooks, "The Review."

COILLARD, FRANCOIS, On the Threshold of Central Africa. *See Central Africa.*

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EAST AND EAST CENTRAL AFRICA

CENTRAL AFRICA. 1d monthly.

AFRICAN TIDINGS, Illus ½d. monthly.

Office of the Universities' Mission, 9 Dartmouth St., Westminster, S. W. England.

These are the official magazines of the U. M. C. A. for up-to-date news from this field.

EAST AFRICA, LETTERS FROM, 1895-1897, by Gertrude Ward. Cloth, 16 mo., pp. 240. London: Office of the Universities' Missions to Central Africa, 1901.

A more delightful little volume of letters from a young lady to her friends at home has not often appeared in print. Miss Ward is the author of *The Life of Bishop Steere*, and at the time when these letters were written she was a trained nurse, stationed at Magila in German East Africa; one of the places in charge of the Universities' Missions. She writes most entertainingly of her hospital work; of the children in the schools; of the excitement caused by the arrival of the new organ, and in a very serious and earnest way, of the definitely religious work carried on. All her readers will regret that illness has caused her to return to England, for it is given to few writers to present the missionary cause with more faith and fervor.

EAST AFRICA IN PICTURE (1900), Office of Universities' Mission, 9 Dartmouth St., Westminster S. W. 5s.

As its title shows, this is a picture-book for grown people and children alike, but, although the descriptions are very concise, it is a very valuable and inspiring addition to any study material on the Universities' Mission and its history, containing, as it does, maps, and fine views of Zanzibar Cathedral, the Mission quarters, schools, churches, etc., on the Island of Zanzibar and on the mainland including the stations on Lake Nyassa. It is impossible with such views of the missionary "plant" before us not to be impressed with what has been accomplished in the heart of Africa, but to be adequately informed of

the growth of the last few years and of the present aspect of the field it is necessary to send to the Society's Headquarters in Westminster for its current periodicals and latest Report.

MACKENZIE, MEMOIR OF BISHOP, by Harvey Goodwin, D. D., Dean of Ely. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 439. London: Bell & Daldy, 1864.

MACKENZIE, BISHOP, MISSION HEROES. Pamphlet 24 pp. London: S. P. C. K. Northumberland Ave., W. C. 2d.

Now that we may read, in every number of the great English missionary magazines, of the great work of the Universities' Mission, it seems strange and a little pitiful to read the life of the very first Bishop of the Universities' Mission—a failure as this world counts failure, but really the first stone sunk and submerged in shifting sand, utterly buried from sight, and yet the very stone on which the visible structure depends for support. After some years of parish work in England, and as Archdeacon of Natal, Charles Frederick Mackenzie was consecrated the first Bishop of the Mission “to the tribes dwelling in the neighborhood of the Lake Nyassa and the River Shire.” He depended very largely upon the advice of Dr. Livingstone, and the result was that his action brought upon him the severest criticism, not only in other parts of Africa, but in the Church at home. He did not live long enough to realize this. It was upon Bishop Tozer that the brunt of the mistakes of Bishop Mackenzie fell, and it was really not until Bishop Steere's day that the Mission work ceased to feel the results of those early mistakes. Mistakes alone they were. Bishop Mackenzie's character was too pure and lofty for any aspersion to be cast upon it. He was stricken with fever and died while on a trip to meet his sister, who was coming to help him, and his Episcopate lasted only two years. The small pamphlet does not by any means fill the place of the memoir, but, where time is short or the larger life cannot be bought, the smaller sketch will be valuable to the Mission Class student.

MAPLES, BISHOP OF LIKOMA, LAKE NYASSA, THE LIFE OF CHAUNCEY, by his Sister. Cloth, Crown 8vo., pp. 398. London: Longmans, Green & Co., 1898.

It is a noble army of martyrs, who as Bishops, priests, deacons, teachers and lay helpers in various capacities, have laid down their lives as African missionaries. And in the long array of biographies the Bishops of the tribes around Lake Nyassa have almost without exception the right to the name. Either in will or in deed—in most cases both in will and deed, they have lain down their lives for the brethren. Mackenzie, Tozer, Steere, Smythies; Maples are among those who are gone. Let us hope that others who follow them may enter into their labors, but not into their distresses.

For nineteen years Chauncey Maples was a pioneer missionary in East Central Africa, being Archdeacon of Likoma the last ten years. Bishop Smythies' successor, Bishop Hornby, arrived in Africa with shattered health, and after six months service was invalided home. Archdeacon Maples was chosen to succeed him. He returned to England and was consecrated at St. Paul's Cathedral in 1895 and twelve days after set sail for Africa. He was drowned in Lake Nyassa on his way to his island Diocese.

His simple life story, his beautiful letters, his sufferings, privations, hardships, all help to a deeper realization of the meaning of the call, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." He was not only called, nor only chosen, but he went, and he, too, laid down his life for the brethren.

MAPLES, JOURNALS AND PAPERS OF BISHOP. Edited by Ellen Maples. Cloth, crown 8vo., pp. 275. London: Longmans, Green & Co., 1899.

The life of Bishop Maples was so deeply interesting that a great desire was felt by all readers to know as much as possible about so charming a personality and so consecrated a life. Bishop Maples, from his earliest childhood, had the power of winning friends, and, even after his death, his letters drew many hearts to him. His sister,

therefore, in response to this desire, prepared for publication his Journal, accounts of journeys which he took to places hitherto unvisited except by natives, articles which he wrote to a local newspaper, and other occasional papers of general interest. After reading his life, with its many references to these journeys and to the circumstances which led to the preparation of the papers, one will turn to this volume feeling it a privilege indeed to read more of what he has written.

Those who are interested in the progress and development of the work at Likoma will be pleased at the frequent and loving reference to Bishop Hine, who as Dr. Hine joined the work while Bishop Maples was archdeacon. Mackenzie did his best, but was misled by Livingstone. Tozer retrieved the mistakes. Steere made the Swahili language a living possession for future missionaries, Smythies lengthened the cords and strengthened the stakes. Only God knows what Chauncey Maples would have done, had his life been spared.

MAPLES," THE BUILDING OF THE "CHAUNCEY, by A. E. M. Anderson-Morshead. Cloth, 12mo., pp. 122. London: The Universities' Mission, 1903.

When Chauncey Maples was drowned in Lake Nyassa a faithful native said "God liked to take him on the Lake Nyassa to consecrate the water of this lake." So it is not strange that the permanent memorial of this missionary should have been a steamer to cruise up and down the waters of the lake to carry passengers, mail and freight from one village to another, to have on board a permanent staff of teachers, with room for pupils who are being instructed to carry the gospel to their fellow countrymen, and to serve as a general medium of intercommunication between the different settlements.

The whole story of the building of the steamer in England, its being packed in 3,500 different packages, its shipment to the mouth of the Zambesi and its carriage by natives to the shores of Lake Nyassa, where it was again put together, is one of absorbing interest. And the last chapter, "The Chauncey Maples at Work", shows what an impor-

tant factor in the lives of the missionaries at Likoma this vessel has already become.

This story of the steamer, together with the "Life", and "Letters and Journals" form a trilogy from the perusal of which no reader can arise without a thanksgiving for the "good example of this, Thy servant."

SIM, LIFE AND LETTERS OF ARTHUR FRASER—PIONEER MISSIONARY AT KOTA KOTA IN BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA. Paper, 12mo., pp. 270. London: Office of the Universities' Mission, Price 1s. 1896.

We have had many biographies of men who were chosen to the office of a Bishop in the Church of GOD, but none of them give a better glimpse of an heroic soul than this biography of a priest who died after only eighteen months' service in Africa. The little memorial sketch is anonymous, but is written with great grace and literary facility as well as with directness and point. Canon Body of Durham Cathedral writes the Introduction. The boyhood days, the University life, the clerical work at home, all reveal an unusually engaging personality, and the most delightful letters from the mission station with their plans and drawings give one a rather unusual sense of friendship for the writer. His constitution, though robust, could not stand the drain of repeated attacks of the African fever, and the end came when he lacked four days of completing his thirty-third year.

SMYTHIES, THE LIFE OF BISHOP, by Gertrude Ward. Edited by Edward Francis Russell, M. A. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 271. London: Universities' Missions to Central Africa, 1899.

SMYTHIES, BISHOP, Mission Heroes Sr. S. P. C. K. 2d.

A second edition of this book was called for, within three months of the publication of the first, and other editions have more recently appeared. It is a noteworthy book in several ways. The subject of the memoir was a man of great personal distinction and of truly saintly life, who gave up his career in England when everything pointed to a long, a happy and a successful ministry and who undertook the heartbreaking and wearisome labor of a missionary to the heathen tribes of Central Africa. He

succeeded and entered into the labors of Bishop Steere, but his whole-souled devotion to his work led him to plan greater and greater ventures, each one entailing long walks, lasting often for ten or twelve days, much exposure to the weather and privations of all kinds. These were the days of the undivided Diocese, in which now two Bishops find their time more than full.

His episcopate lasted for ten years. He impaired his health by his long hard journeys, his overwhelming zeal for souls, and the grief at the death of so many of his missionary staff, owing to the unfavorable climatic conditions. Before the end came the Diocese had been divided, and he had the comfort of the support of a brother Bishop. He was but fifty years old when he died. It was thought that a sea voyage might check the low fever from which he suffered, and with a nurse and a cousin to care for him he was taken on board ship, but two days later he passed away, and his body was committed to the deep.

Hardly ever has a Bishop's life been written which is so interesting, so picturesque, so thrilling as this. Something is due to Miss Ward's literary style, but most of all it is the fascination of the loyalty to high ideals which every one feels even if he does not acknowledge. Bishop Smythies' ideal was conformity in doctrine, teaching and worship to the Catholic tradition. No wonder that the foundations he laid endure. No wonder that his memory is still so fondly cherished, or that the story of his life has become a classic of the Church of England.

It is a pity not to be able to gain the inspiration which must come from the reading of these lives, but, if that is not possible, the short sketch is of much value to the student of the East Central Mission.

STEERE, THE LIFE OF BISHOP, by Robert M. Heanley. Cloth, post 8vo. London: E. C. Bell, 1888. Price 8s. 6d.

STEERE, BISHOP, Mission Heroes Series. London: S. P. C. K., Northumberland Ave., W. C. Pamphlet 24 pp. 2d.

One of the most stimulating and inspiring books on our list is the Life of Bishop Steere, who succeeded Bishop Tozer in 1874 in the Universities' Mission at Zanzibar.

The story of his preparation and call are full of interest, and his early studies and later researches fitted him all unconsciously for the great work of his life—the translation of the entire New Testament and several books of the Old Testament into the Swahili language. Swahili is the great trade language of the interior of Africa and is known more or less all round the great sweep of the Indian Ocean from Ceylon to Madagascar. It was from these translations in the hands of an old pupil from whom Bishop Steere did not expect much, that Stanley was able to give Mtesa, King of Uganda, some idea of the Christian religion, and this led to the commencement of the Church Missionary Society's Mission with its bright hopes and sad experiences and ever extending operations. The Bishop also translated the Book of Common Prayer, and some of the best of our Church hymns, into the Swahili language. Bishop Steere was not only a man of wonderful linguistic gifts; he was, according to Bishop Wordsworth, eminent as a philosopher, a preacher, a teacher and a man of affairs. He had great geniality and a wonderful power of drawing workers about him and inspiring them. Even after so many years the story of his life quickens enthusiasm and fortifies faith.

The small pamphlet is well written and is useful for those who want the main facts and cannot read the book itself.

TOZER AND HIS SISTER, THE LETTERS OF BISHOP. Edited by Gertrude Ward. Cloth, 12 mo., pp 304. London: The Universities' Mission, 1902.

No one can read these letters without being forcibly reminded of Milton's lines, "They also serve who only stand and wait." Neither can any person, even one utterly indifferent to the whole subject of Missions, read them without realizing that missionary zeal is a vital and a consuming thing. Here was a man, gently born and gently bred, living what some people think one of the most enviable lives in the world, that of rector in a rural English parish, giving it up in response to the call, and taking the place of Bishop Mackenzie who was the first Bishop to the tribes of Central Africa.

Bishop Tozer had had no experience as Missionary priest. He went to his post in 1863, and found it absolutely necessary to inaugurate work on totally different lines from those planned by his predecessor. He was not sure his plans would be approved by the Home Office. Mails were delayed and destroyed and for more than a year he was compelled to defer action. His letters written at this time are heart-breaking. Yet his plans were approved and he had the happiness of knowing it, and of laying some permanent foundations before he was forced to return home, invalided. And he lived, with shattered health, for twenty-five years after his return. His sister and most invaluable helper writes charming letters with a humor that sweetens and lightens a most pathetic and deeply interesting story of a Missionary.

THOUSAND MILES IN THE HEART OF AFRICA, A, by J. Du Plessis. Cloth, 16mo., pp. 169. Edinburgh and London: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, 1905. Price 3s. 6d.

The author of this book is the General Mission Secretary of the Dutch Reformed Missionary Society, and it is an account of the visit which he made to the various mission stations in East Central Africa, where that Society is at work. From the Lake regions of Central Africa to Southern Rhodesia is a chain of stations where satisfactory progress is being made. The desire of these missionaries is to extend their work westward, as there are vast reaches of country where not a single Protestant missionary is at work, and this book has been written to extend knowledge and awaken missionary enthusiasm. There are two maps and twenty-nine illustrations.

UNIVERSITIES' MISSION TO CENTRAL AFRICA, 1859-1898. THE HISTORY OF THE, by A. E. M. Anderson-Morshead, with a preface by Charlotte Mary Yonge. Cloth, 12 mo, pp. 452. London: Office of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa. Price, 3s. 6d., 1905.

One is irresistibly reminded of the eleventh chapter of Hebrews with its martyr roll of the early Church, when one reads this most enthralling book. The missionaries who followed so closely on Livingstone's footsteps had

true apostolic fervour, and partook of the apostolic sufferings. One can read at greater length, in the different biographies which have been published, of Bishop Mackenzie's efforts, and the mistakes of judgment that lessened his influence and shortened his life, of Bishop Tozer's manly efforts to repair the mistakes, and his pathetic lingering through so many years of enforced inactivity, of Bishop Steere's wide views and statesmanlike services, of Bishop Smythies' manifold labors as a good shepherd who cared for his individual sheep; but, however familiar we are with the lives and the work of these saintly men, each falls into his own place, as part of the work planned in the counsels of GOD, when we read the continuous narrative of the Universities' Mission for nearly forty years.

It is one of the peculiarities of the work in this field that no stipends have ever been paid to the workers. Board and lodging, and in a few exceptional cases passage money and some help toward an outfit, is all that is given. The workers are, therefore, picked men, with the consecration which includes both what they are and what they have, and what they have done follows as a natural and necessary consequence. In combating Mohammedanism, in destroying the slave trade, in training workers, in industrial work, in caring for the girls, in mothering the little ones, their work is far reaching and blessed in its results. *See also Central Africa and Uganda.*

EGYPT AND THE EGYPTIAN SOUDAN

C. M. S. HISTORY. Vol. 1, 223, 227, 228, 350, 351, 263. Vol. II, 140, 148. Vol. III, 123, 266, 514, 515, 522, 530, 746-750; Medical Missions 661, 807 to year 1900. After that date, "Story of the Year", Missionary Gleaner, etc. *See Church Missionary Society.*

EGYPT, THE MAKING OF MODERN. By Sir Auckland Colvin. Cloth, Demy 8vo., pp. 416. London: Seeley & Co., 1906. Price 18s.

In the course of the year 1882 an outbreak of anarchy in Egypt led to British occupation. It was not a difficult matter to carry positions which had been hastily

fortified in the desert, but to create a modern Egypt, to overcome the sustained hostility of the Turks, to combat the ill will or apathy of the ruling classes in Egypt, to loosen the knot of financial complication and to make way against the indifference of all the foreign colonies was a task which required years of patient labor.

This book tells the story of those laborious years. Its author is the British Comptroller General in Egypt who took part in all the financial reconstruction of the country. The progress and development, not only of Egypt but of the Soudan as well, is clearly described in these pages. Full and generous acknowledgment of the services of Lord Cromer and his assistants is given, and the book will remain for years to come of great value as one of reference.

NILE, TO-DAY ON THE. By H. W. Dunning, Ph. D. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 270. New York: James Pott & Co., 1905. Price \$5.00

To the would-be or expectant traveller this volume will be one of great value. It is written by one who is thoroughly familiar—not only with modern Egypt, the proper order of sight-seeing, the best methods of travel, the amount of time and money required and other important details, but of ancient Egypt as well—her history, her traditions and as far as a foreigner may be, her very mysteries. The chapters on The Religion and Gods of Egypt, and on The Egypt of To-day show plainly how competent and careful a guide, philosopher and friend he is. The book is primarily one of travel, but there is a good deal of missionary interest as well. There are about seven hundred and fifty Coptic Christians in Egypt, and it is among those that our missionaries of varying denominations work. There are nine million Mohammedans, but work among these is out of the question. It is possible, however, to lead those who believe in a low form of Christianity to one that is purer and higher, and the children are bright, intelligent and docile. Beirut College, the institutions of the United Presbyterian and other religious bodies are doing a good work.

RAGGED LIFE IN EGYPT. MORE ABOUT RAGGED LIFE IN EGYPT. By Mary L. Whately. Cloth 16 mo., pp., 215 and 212. London: Seeley, Jackson and Halliday, 1863 and 1864.

On her way to the Holy Land, Miss Whately, the daughter of the Archbishop of Dublin, stopped for a while in Egypt and became very much interested in work among the Moslems. She was a member of the Society for Promoting Female Education in the East, and her efforts in this most praiseworthy undertaking she modestly recorded in a very inconspicuous little book. She returned to England for a time and the work languished, because there was no one to take her place. After the death of her father she returned to Cairo and found that she had not been forgotten nor had her work perished, and she was able to build an enduring fabric on the foundations she had previously laid. Her books are now out of print and difficult to procure, but they are of intense and absorbing interest and are of such enduring value that they already rank as classics.

RIVER, LAND AND SUN. By Minna C. Gollock. Cloth, square 12 mo., pp. 184. London: Church Missionary House.

With a good deal of poetic fancy and imagery the author draws a parallel between the sands, the river and the sunlight of Egypt, and the multitudes, the missionary and the power of God. It is a record of the work the Church Missionary Society is doing in Egypt, told by an Englishwoman who visited the different missionary stations and accompanied the missionaries in their daily rounds. In this way we get a glimpse—more than a glimpse—an extended survey of the work which is being done, by the women missionaries of the C. M. S. more especially, in the harems, in the schools for the rich and the poor, on the desert and in the medical missions of Egypt. The story is told with much spirit and humor, yet with a deep sense of the spiritual needs of the people. The concluding chapter, by the Rev. Rennie MacInness, tells something of the work among the men and boys. The book is beautifully printed and illustrated and is of unusual literary value.

SAHARA, AMONG THE WOMEN OF THE. By Madame Jean Pommerol, translated by Mrs. Arthur Bell. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 343. London: Hurst & Blackett, 1900. Price 2s, 6d. Madame Pommerol's apparent object, in going from village to village of the Sahara, and making friends with the women whose language she appears to understand, seems to be that of a thoroughly cynical French woman, pleased to find how many traits these savage women have in common with some of their more enlightened sisters—curiosity, cunning, cruelty, envy and the like. A thoroughly depraved book.

SOUDAN, THE EGYPTIAN, by J. Kelly Giffen, D. D. Cloth 16 mo., pp. 252. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co. Price \$1.00. 1905.

It would be difficult to speak in words of too cordial praise of such a book as this. Dr. Giffen and his wife, with Dr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, four tried and experienced missionaries working under the United Presbyterian Church of North America, were sent from Egypt, where they had been for seventeen years, to establish a mission on the Soobat River, among the tribe called the Shulbas. Ever since the tragic and pathetic death of General Charles Gordon at Khartoum, the Egyptian Soudan has occupied a large place in the thought and sympathy of the Western world, and has awakened a deep and increasing missionary interest. The sorrows and sufferings which the slave trade visited upon the country, the more recent desolation caused by a century and a half of Mahdi rule, the strange and whole-hearted devotion of the Soudanese races to religious though false ideals, the martyrdom of Gordon, the realistic and hopeful prophecy of Isaiah concerning this part of Africa, and finally the present destitution of the land and the largeness of the missionary opportunity—all these unite in their appeal to the sympathy and missionary interest of Christendom. Whoever wishes for a book which will show the missionary as he is to-day, with his devotion to duty, his courage, cheerfulness, resourcefulness and consecration, will do well to read "The Egyptian Soudan." As

a book for circulation among the readers of a Mission Study class it would be hard to find its equal.

ELIOT, SIR CHARLES. The East African Protectorate. *See Uganda.*

ELLIS, A. B. The Yoruba, the Ewe, and The Tshi Speaking Peoples of West Africa. *See West Africa.*

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FETICHISM IN WEST AFRICA. Robt. Hammil Nassau. *See West Africa.*

FISHER, RUTH H. On the Borders of Pygmy Land. *See Uganda.*

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GENERAL

ACTUAL AFRICA, OR THE COMING CONTINENT. Frank Vincent. Cloth, 8 vo., pp. 528. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1895.

Although this book is by no means recent, the picture of Africa as a whole which it presents is very similar to a book of the same general plan which might be published to-day. The unalterableness of the Orient is one of its most salient characteristics, and if a traveller were this year to start from Gibraltar and sail across the straits to the coast of Africa, and after visiting Tangiers, Morocco, Fez, the Sahara and Tripoli, make his way into Egypt and from there go to Mauritius and Madagascar, then returning to the mainland go to Zanzibar, German East Africa, Cape Colony, the Diamond District and Johannesburg, then, after a detour by Madeira, visit the settlements on the West Coast, the Congo Free State, the Niger Territory and the Guinea Coast, making his way home by Las Palmas for Marseilles, he would see the same types of people, the same scenery, and in most of the places named a good deal the same condition of affairs. For this reason, it is by no means a supplanted book, and will give the general reader a good and sufficient bird's-eye view of the wonderful continent as a whole. Mr. Vincent's attitude is that of the optimistic cosmopolitan, who thinks that the condition of the world is good—that it is going to be even better, and that the resources and fertility of a great continent are factors toward this most excellent and desirable end.

BLACK MAN'S GARDEN, AROUND THE, by Zelig Colville. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 341. London: Wm. Blackwood & Son. 1893. Price 16s.

This is a book of travels written by a woman, and is a good natured and kindly account of a cruise around the island of Madagascar with excursions to the inland, and visits to Zanzibar and the West Coast, but it contains nothing of much interest or value to readers of other books on the same general subject.

CHRISTIANITY FROM THE BIRTH OF CHRIST TO THE ABOLITION OF PAGANISM IN THE ROMAN EMPIRE, THE HISTORY OF, by Henry Hart Milman, D. D., Dean of St. Paul's. 3 vols. in 2. Cloth, 8vo., pp. 485 and 507. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell, 1881.

"Milman's Latin Christianity" has for many years occupied the pre-eminent place among Ecclesiastical Histories, and it is only necessary here to mention the present edition as one of convenient size, good type and reasonable price. Any reader who cares for the story of the beginnings of Christianity will be more than repaid by the perusal of the whole book. Certainly Mission Study teachers who wish to create in their minds a picture of what the great centers of Christianity, such as Rome, Antioch and Alexandria, were like in Apostolic days, will find that the chapter on Rome and Paganism in the first, Christianity and Orientalism in the second, and The Roman Empire under Christianity in the third volume, are of very definite and special value.

CHRISTUS LIBERATOR. By Ellen C. Parsons. Paper, 16 mo., pp. 284. New York: The Macmillan Co. 1905. Price 50c.

Mrs. Parsons' book is well known to hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people who have used it in Mission Study classes. It is the standard text-book among Congregationalists and has been used by many classes in other religious bodies. It is thoroughly up-to-date, and packed with information, and its tone is so courteous and generous, and its acknowledgment of the work of other missionaries than their own is so unqualified, that it is a model of what such a book ought to be. A very useful table, showing just where each missionary society of the world is doing its work, and an excellent bibliography, arranged by topics, add greatly to its value.

COLONIZATION OF AFRICA, THE. By SIR Harry H. Johnston. Cloth, 16 mo., pp. 315. Cambridge: The University Press. 1905.

There is great value in this book, but it would be idle to suppose that the value lay on the surface. It is only to be got by digging, and hard digging. It is one of a series,

intended for the use of persons anxious to understand the nature of existing political conditions. The real significance of political events cannot be grasped unless the historical causes which have led to them are known, and the different volumes of the series display the continuity of historical development in the different countries which are described. The book is not large, is closely printed and has few maps. The subject is thus much condensed. Volumes have been written on topics which are here disposed of in a few lines. Nevertheless, the name of the author is a guarantee of the solid worth of the book, and the last chapter, "Latest Developments" is worth reading by all who are making a study of Africa, even if there is not time for the book as a whole.

DAWN ON THE DARK CONTINENT. By James Stewart. Cloth, 16 mo., pp. 370. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1903. Price \$2.00.

This is not merely one of the most recent books on the missionary outlook in Africa, but one of the most authoritative. The author, a Presbyterian missionary, has for years been at work in the field, and has taken great pains to obtain all available statistics regarding the work which has been done by all bodies of Christians. He speaks most hopefully of the present outlook and his encouraging words should be a stimulus to all who are interested in missions.

ISLAM IN AFRICA. By Anson P. Atterbury. Cloth, 16 mo., pp. 117. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1899. Price, \$1.25.

This most fascinating subject is treated in so luminous and convincing a manner that one feels deep regret that the book contains so few pages. It is a very clear presentation of the part the Mohammedan faith is taking in the semi-civilization of the African tribes. We at home would take issue with Mr. Atterbury in the statement of his belief that Mohammedanism is better for the African than Paganism, yet he qualifies this statement by saying that he found it far more difficult to reach and hold those who have been brought under its influence

than those who have no religion but Fetichism. It is an admirable book for the teacher, and one of the most interesting in the list.

ISLAM, THE PREACHING OF. A History of the Propagation of the Moslem Faith, by T. W. Arnold, B. A. Cloth, 8vo., pp. 346. Westminster: Archibold Constable & Co., 1896.

The writer of this book, who was professor of philosophy at a Mohammedan Anglo-Oriental College in India, has written a most scholarly and exhaustive work which treats the whole subject of Islam from the point of view of a missionary religion. It is, in fine, a brief for the defense. He tells the story of its spread among the Christian nations of Western Asia, in Africa, Spain, in Europe under the Turks, in India, China and the Malay Archipelago. One can realize from this what a terrible menace it is to the Christian religion and how inadequate are our missionary forces to cope with it. The history of the birth of their missionary zeal, its inspiring forces, and the modes of its activity are the subjects which occupy these pages. For the earnest student it is, of course, a book of great value, but we question the desirability of recommending a book like this for the use of Mission Study classes.

MOHAMMEDAN MISSIONARY PROBLEM, THE, by the Rev. Henry W. Jessup, D. D. Cloth, 16mo., pp. 138. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication, 1879.

The author, who was for twenty-five years missionary in Syria, in this little volume treats of those features of Islam which are favorable to the acceptance of Christianity by its believers, and those which are unfavorable. The problem which demands the attention of the Christian Church is: How to give greater efficiency to missionary agencies already employed in Mohammedan countries, and how to bring new forces to bear upon Islam. The book is sadly out of date but it contains much information regarding past conditions in Mohammedan countries, and is cheerful and optimistic in tone.

MOHAMMEDAN WORLD OF TO-DAY, THE, edited by S. M. Tremer, F. R. G. S., E. M. Wherry, D. D., James L. Barton, D. D., and Samuel Marinus. Cloth, 12mo., pp. 321. New York: F. H. Revell Co., 1906.

This is a collection of papers which were read at the first Missionary Conference on behalf of the Mohammedan world, which was held at Cairo, from April 4 to April 9, 1906. The writers are all men who have especial knowledge of a very difficult and complicated subject, and who have approached it with reverent care and understanding, with the zeal of Christian missionaries, and the scientific spirit of men of affairs. It will long remain one of the most outspoken and authoritative collections of documents on the subject.

NOTES ON AFRICA FOR MISSIONARY STUDENTS. Cloth, 16 mo., pp. 71. London: Church Missionary Society. Price 1s. 6d.

There is so much to be learned about Africa in its many different aspects that it is easy to forget that our main object is to learn about missionaries and the result of their labors. The especial value of this book is that it condenses the wisdom of many books and many writers. It disengages the trivial and occasional from the vital and spiritual and puts Africa, as a mission field, before us. As a hand book for reference there is constant and imperative need for it.

PRICE OF AFRICA, THE. By S. Earl Taylor. Cloth, 16 mo., pp. 225. New York: Eaton & Mains, 1902.

This is one of the text-books on Africa of the Forward Mission Study Courses, and is authorized for use in the Society of Christian Endeavor and the Epworth League. It tells, very simply and directly, the price which has thus far been paid for the redemption of Africa, and illustrates it by the life of four of her most noteworthy martyrs, Livingstone, Mackay, Good and Cox. The two latter names will be unfamiliar to many readers, but the story of their lives and their heroic deaths, will stimulate and inspire all. The purchase money has not yet been fully paid in. Many, many more missionaries will succumb to malaria, African fever and hardships of all sorts, but

the word of the Lord standeth sure, and we are definitely promised that "in that day"—the day of the consummation of all things, the present *shall* be brought to the Lord of hosts, of this people, terrible from its beginnings. To work for Africa, to pray for Africa, is to pray for the accomplishing the number of God's elect, and the hastening of His kingdom.

REDEMPTION OF AFRICA, THE. By the Rev. Perry Noble, D. D. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 776. 2 vols. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1899. Price \$4.00.

Perhaps the sight of these two large and closely printed volumes may appal some would-be-readers, and it must be admitted that they are not books to finish in a week's time. They have the value of a good encyclopædia, however, for they form the most exhaustive work on Africa which has yet been published. It is difficult, at first, to select the portions which really bear upon the problems of to-day. But after a subject has begun to take shape in the reader's mind it may be enlarged and modified by recourse to Dr. Noble's most thoughtful, comprehensive and authoritative volumes.

TROPICAL AFRICA, by Henry Drummond, LL. D. Cloth, 12mo., pp. 221. New York: Scribner and Welford, 1888.

A more delightful book on Africa, though dealing only incidentally with missions, it would be hard to find. Just as some days are "beckoning days" when every leaf on every tree says, "Come out," so this book is a beckoning book. It is more. It is a compelling book. One is constrained to fare forth with Henry Drummond, to follow his leadership, to agree with his scientific theories, to be filled with wonder at his tales and with fear at his prognostications. The chapters on the White Ant, A Theory and Mimicry have become famous. They recall Grant Allen at his best, and were notable contributions in their day to popular science.

GIFFEN J. KELLY. The Egyptian Soudan. *See Egypt and the Soudan.*

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LUGGARD, BRIG. GENERAL. Uganda and its People. *See Uganda.*

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MACKAY OF UGANDA. Memoir by his sister. *See Uganda.*

MADAGASCAR

MENABE, AMONG THE. By the Rev. George Herbert Smith, M. A. London: S. P. C. K., 1896.

This is an account of a not very successful attempt to establish a mission among the wild people of Madagascar. The missionaries were overwhelmed with the novel features of the work, and their zeal was not according to knowledge. The book is not of any especial interest or value, too full of detail, and overburdened with unpronounceable names.

MATEBELE, AMONG THE. *See South Africa.*

MIRACLE OF AFRICAN MISSIONS, by Robert Bell. *See West Africa.*

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SOUTH AFRICA

- CALLAWAY, MEMOIR OF BISHOP. By Benham, Macmillan & Co. 6s.

Bishop Callaway was in charge of the Diocese of St. John's from 1873 to 1886 and his memoir gives a picture of missions and South Africa during those years.

- CAPETOWN TO LADYSMITH, FROM. An unfinished record of the South African War. By G. W. Steevens. Cloth, 16mo., pp. 198. New York: Dodd, Mead & Co.

One must approach this volume with reverence. Mr. Steevens, one of the most brilliant newspaper writers the world has ever seen, died while in South Africa, and

his letters written from there, together with a most sympathetic sketch of his life, make up the present modest volume. It is safe to say, that by reading this, one gets a better idea of what life in a besieged town really is than by reading any number of ordinary books of travel. More than this, one gets a better idea of the values of words—of the color that a literary artist can put on a page—of the wonderful pictures which he can present to the retina of the mind's eye, than he can obtain from almost any contemporary writer.

It was a brilliant mind which evoked these extraordinarily realistic impressions of army scenes, and the feeling of personal loss must come to all who read. The book is only a fragment, but so significant a fragment that, taken with more diffuse, more ordered and more finished writings on the same subject, it sends forth a fragrance and casts a halo on the whole field of which it is a part. The portrait of the author in frontispiece is a noteworthy one. There is something prophetic in the face—almost as if the author had a premonition of his sudden and unlooked for end, just as recognition, honors, and all the rewards of this life were being showered upon him.

CHURCH IN GREATER BRITAIN. THE. Lecture VII—"In the Province of South Africa." Being the Donellan lectures delivered before the University of Dublin. By the Ven. Archdeacon Wynne. S. P. G. Tufton St. Westminster, 1903. By post 1s. 9d.

GRAY, LIFE OF ROBERT. Bishop of Cape Town and Metropolitan of Africa. Edited by his son, the Rev. Charles Gray, M. A. 2 vols. Cloth, 8 vo., pp. 536 and 655. With portrait and map. London: Rivingtons. 1876.

GRAY, BISHOP. S. P. G. K. 1 penny.

Bishop Gray of Capetown, while a Missionary Bishop to Africa, was spared many of those humiliating and exhausting experiences with which we are made familiar in the story of the lives of the missionary bishops in Central Africa. But he was not on that account free from many painful and sad experiences. Capetown was already a place of many natural and acquired advantages when

he made it his place of residence, and the Church was well established and prospering. Bishop Gray's apostolic zeal led him to establish not only Churches and schools in the country round about, but to take measures to create Christian settlements, where people wishing to lead virtuous lives should be supported and comforted by neighbors and associates who were like minded. He was, first of all, an organizer, and this power of vision and strength in execution, led to his greatest happiness and successes and his greatest failures. His ideals were so high and his certainty that he could carry out his plans, if given a free hand, was so great, that he resented any interference. The natural result was friction to some extent with his clergy—to a very much greater extent with the government of South Africa. The most distressing case of Dr. Colenso, Bishop of Natal, drew to a focus and entailed ceaseless correspondence, growing anxiety and much censure from home. But he steadily maintained his points and finally carried them. He established a flourishing sisterhood and corresponded with Dr. Benson regarding a brotherhood of Mission Priests, which finally was established and has done marvelous work among the Kafirs and Zulus. The end came while he was still strong and capable of much service to the Church. He died, as did Bishop Wilberforce, from injuries resulting from the fall from a horse.

KAFFRARIA, EIGHT YEARS IN. By Alan G. S. Gibson, M.A. London: Wells Gardner Darton & Co., 1890.

An account of the work which God hath wrought in this tribe. They are the only people in the British Protectorate who are not obliged to pay Hut Tax to England, and they are exempt because their chiefs have shown themselves capable of managing the affairs of their own country without compelling the interference of the Administration of the Protectorate, and have at the same time maintained a friendly attitude toward the English, allowing them to come and settle on their territory. All this is the direct outcome of the work of the Livingstonia Mission in matters material. Concerning spir-

itual results, one has only to read the last ten pages of the book describing a Communion Service at one of the Mission stations, to realize the power of God in changing the lives of these untutored savages. (The reader must read the recent numbers of the Mission Field to find the present condition of these Missions.)

KAFIR LIFE, SKETCHES OF. By Godfrey Callaway, Mission Priest of St. Cuthbert. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 154. Oxford and London: A. R. Mowbray, Limited, 1905. Price 2s. 6d.

The work of St. Cuthbert's Mission for Kafirs in South Africa is under the direction of the Mission Priests of St. John the Evangelist, and these sketches, written by the priest in charge, gives an excellent idea of the work which they are carrying on in South Africa. The description of the character of the natives, the training they receive, and their social and political situation is a vivid one, and is written with buoyancy and courage. The necessities of the Mission are many and varied, and the outside demands upon them are incessant. New buildings are being planned for and the proceeds from the sale of the book are to be used to help defray the expense of their erection.

LESUTO, IN THE. By Canon Widdecombe. S. P. C. K. Northumberland Ave., W. C. London. 6s. Sold also at S. P. G. Office, Tufton St., Westminster, S. W., London.

The S. P. G. recommend this book as one that gives a picture of that part of the field.

MASHONALAND, MEMORIALS OF, MASHONALAND MISSION, JOURNALS OF THE. By Bishop Knight-Bruce. Arnold Pub. 10s. 6d. S. P. G. 2s.

MATEBELE, AMONG THE. By Carnegie. Rel. Tract Society, Paternoster Row, London.

Valuable as giving the history of the early days of the mission in Rhodesia. The record of Bishop Knight-Bruce's heroic pioneering journeys is given in the first two. Subsequent publications must be consulted to bring the narrative up to date—especially the S. P. G. annual reports and late numbers of the Mission Field.

S. P. G. IN SOUTH AFRICA, HERE AND THERE WITH THE. By post, 1s. 3d. and fully illustrated. S. P. G. office, Tufton St., Westminster, S. W., London.

This is a small and attractive little book giving a very brief outline, well illustrated, of the great work of the Venerable Society in South Africa, where it has spent over £1,000,000 (\$5,000,000), helped to establish and endow seven Bishoprics, and has maintained nearly six hundred missionaries. The earnest student of the history of the propagation of the Gospel will not be satisfied by so sketchy an outline, but will turn to the less attractively printed but invaluable pages of the large Digest "Two Hundred Years of the S. P. G. (1701-1901)". For the History of the work in South Africa see pp. 268-385, and the more recent articles in "The Mission Field" and The East and West, and the S. P. G. Annual Report. See *Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, etc.*

SOUTH AFRICA, IMPRESSIONS OF. By James Bryce. Cloth, 8vo., pp. 495. New York: The Century Co., 1897.

Mr. Bryce's temperate, painstaking, judicial character leaves its impress on every work which comes from his pen. Going to South Africa for "impressions," he is above all things anxious that they shall be sharp, clear cut and distinct, and for this reason considers no pains too great, no investigations too minute. He considers South Africa as a whole, and then studies her in detail, geographically, politically, ethnographically and otherwise. He even devotes a chapter to missions, or rather, to the not unimportant part which missionaries have taken in developing the naturally good instincts and capacities of the tribesman. No one can really know South Africa as a whole without knowing Mr. Bryce's book, which is as foremost among books of African travel as is The Holy Roman Empire and The American Commonwealth in their respective fields of investigation. Although it was written ten years ago, and many interesting developments in South Africa are of a more recent date, the book is as valuable and forceful as ever. To

the student who is contemplating the serious study of one of the great coming countries of the world, if, indeed, she has not already arrived, there is nothing to be compared with it for giving an exhaustive survey of conditions—a sane summary of the political situation, and incidentally, many glimpses of the social life of the people, which he had unusual opportunities to see.

SOUTH AFRICA, SKETCHES AND STUDIES IN. By W. J. Knox Little. Cloth, 8vo., pp. 328. London: Isbister & Co. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott, 1899. Price \$3.00.

In the fall of 1898 Canon Knox Little visited South Africa, and was enchanted with the beauty and interested in the activities of a new and strange country. He was welcomed in his double capacity of cleric and scholar by all sorts and conditions of men, was an honored guest of Cecil Rhodes and saw South Africa under the most favorable circumstances. His book is written with enthusiasm yet with judgment, and the criticisms are from the point of view of the statesman. His statements regarding the work of our missionaries are singularly discriminating. He realizes the need of more men at the strategic points, and his plea for them is strong and convincing.

TRANSVAAL AS A MISSION FIELD, THE. By Canon Farmer. S. P. G. 2s. 6d.

TRANSVAAL FLAG, NATIVES UNDER THE. By Bovill, Simpkin, Marshall & Co.

What has been said of other sketches is true of these. They are of value to those who wish to study the situation some years back of the country and of the Missions of the Church of England. The account of the rapid growth and changes of recent days must be sought in the latest S. P. G. magazines and reports.

WHITE MAN'S AFRICA. By Poultney Bigelow. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 271. New York and London: Harper & Brothers, 1898.

The difference between the point of view of a statesman and that of a journalist is well illustrated by the perusal of James Bryce's Impressions of South Africa and the

present volume. Mr. Bigelow had a single eye to what would make acceptable magazine articles, and treats the same subject—Africa south of the Zanzibar—solely with reference to that end. In view of his affiliations, sentimental and financial, with Germany and the Germans, it is easy to see that the stolid, homespun burgher-like virtues of the Boers would fill him with respect and admiration. The book is well and copiously illustrated, and is, as the prospectus of a magazine might well declare, “replete with fact and fancy.” Mr. Bigelow, like Mr. Bryce, saw his South Africa under favorable conditions, though the conditions were diametrically opposed, Mr. Bryce being a distinguished member of the ruling race, and Mr. Bigelow representing a more or less discreditable connection, from over seas but forcing his way, partly by his own personality, partly by the aid of powerful friends. The points of resemblance and of difference might be still further indicated, but enough has been said to show that while Mr. Bryce’s book is immeasurably superior in breadth of view, Mr. Bigelow’s book has still something to make it useful, especially for the reader who has not time or taste for what is more profound.

WASTES RECLAIMED, AFRICAN. The Story of the Lovedale Mission. By Robert Young. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 268. London: Dent & Co., 1902. 4s. 6d.

The Lovedale Mission in the northeast of Cape Colony is well known to all students of missions. Nowhere else in Africa—perhaps nowhere else in the world—has the training of natives been carried out on so large and successful a scale. The book before us contains an account of the settlement during the last eighty years—that is, since its formation by the Glasgow Missionary Society in 1823. During this time between three and four thousand have received their education in the Lovedale Institutions. The schools contain representatives from almost every tribe in South Africa within a radius of 500 miles. Among the trades taught to the boys are carpentry, wagon-making, the work of blacksmiths and

masons, brick-making, basket-making, poultry farming, bee-keeping and shoe-making. Four other institutions have been founded in South or Central Africa which have been planned on the lines of Lovedale. The problem which they try to solve is of vital importance in view of the development of all missionary work in Africa.

In conclusion, we have a group of small books, none of which are any longer of any particular value, simply because it is ten years or more since they were prepared, and in a country where events march at such speed as they are doing in Africa, ten years is enough to make a book hopelessly behind the times.

The Story of South Africa by W. Basil Worsfold (London: Horace Marshall) stops with the Jameson Raid and 1897. The Bechuana in South Africa by William Crisp, B. D. (London: S. P. C. K. 1896) is a very simple narrative of missionary life, suitable to read to little children. Home Life in Africa, also written for children, bears the date 1868.

SOUDAN, THE EGYPTIAN. J. Kelly Giffen. *See Egypt.*

STANLEY, HENRY M. In Darkest Africa, Through the Dark Continent. *See Central Africa.*

STOCK, EUGENE. History of the Church Missionary Society. *See Church Missionary Society.*

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS, TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF THE, 1701-1901. By C. F. Pascoe. Based on a Digest of its Records. Nearly 1,500 pp., 8 vo. 7s. 6d. or in 2 vols. 8s. 6d. Illustrated.

S. P. G. ANNUAL REPORT.

S. P. G. THE MISSION FIELD. The Official Organ of the S. P. G. illustrated monthly per annum, by post 2s., bound volume 2s. 5d.

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S. P. G. THE EAST AND THE WEST. A Quarterly Review. 120 royal, 8 vo., pp. 4s. per annum prepaid.

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TAYLOR, S. E. Price of Africa. *See General.*

THROUGH MY SPECTACLES IN UGANDA. Martin J. Hall. *See Uganda.*

TIMBUCTOO, THE MYSTERIOUS. Felix Dubois. *See West Africa.*

TUCKER, BISHOP. Eighteen Years in Uganda. *See Uganda.*

TWO KINGS OF UGANDA. R. P. Ashe. *See Uganda.*

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BUGANDA AT HOME, THE, by C. W. Hattersley. 227 pp., illus. London: Religious Tract Society. Price 5s.

A popular and very readable account of the habits, customs, and recent history of the people of Uganda. The book contains a hundred very good illustrations, and is apparently issued below cost price. The author, who has been a C. M. S. missionary in Uganda for ten years, writes in a pleasant style, and his book deserves to obtain a wide circulation. It is not primarily concerned with missionary work, but a good deal of information is supplied incidentally. The C. M. S. Mission to Uganda has been from the first, as he tells us, an educational one. "Of its 60,000 members the numbers who cannot read can be counted only by the dozen." One chapter is devoted to an account of the ravages of the sleeping disease, and of the efforts which have been made to find a remedy for it. The book closes with an earnest appeal for further volunteers to take part in the evangelization of the Buganda. —*The East and the West.*

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY HISTORY. Vol. III pp. 36, 94–112, 402–427, 454, 431–453, 531, 664, 694, 707, 735–737, 731–746, 788, 791, 800–818 to year 1900. *For later information see the following:*

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY'S Annual Reports, "Story of

the Year," and "Missionary Gleaner." *See Church Missionary Society.*

The official report and history of the Mission to Uganda. DWARF LAND AND CANNIBAL COUNTRY, IN, by Albert B. Lloyd. Cloth, 8vo. pp. 385. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. 1899.

Mr. Lloyd has enriched our missionary literature with two books, both of which are well worth reading. He went as a missionary of the C. M. S. to Uganda in 1894. While he was there, King Mwanga rebelled against the British occupation of Uganda, and stirred up a revolt among the Soudanese troops. The author was one of those who assisted in repressing the rebellion, and for his gallantry he subsequently received a decoration from the English Government. A good sportsman and an enthusiastic photographer, the pages of this book are embellished literally and figuratively, with stories of big hunts and many pictures of characteristic African scenes. Perhaps two of the greatest significance are those which face each other on pages 376 and 377. One shows the old caravan way, over insecure bridges and through morasses, from Leopoldville to the coast. The other shows the new railway. In addition to his other roles, Mr. Lloyd is an explorer. When the time of his first furlough came he determined to strike out a line for himself and go through Belgian territory to the West Coast. This brought him to the Pygmy Forest, where Stanley spent so much time, and his stories of the "little people" are touching in the extreme. One affecting photograph is of Bishop Tucker, standing by a pygmy mother and child. The book makes no pretense to literary merit, but is simply the truthful narrative of the life of an energetic, earnest young missionary in Africa.

EAST AFRICAN PROTECTORATE, THE, by Sir Charles Eliot, K. C. B. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 312. London: Edward Arnold, 1904. Price 15s. net.

The land between Lake Victoria and the Indian Ocean, over which England extends her protection, is, on many accounts, favorable for colonization by the English. Such

colonies, if established, would prove most beneficial to the natives, and help immeasurably in uplifting, civilizing and Christianizing them. There are many points concerning which would-be colonists would like information, and this book is a serious and conscientious attempt to give a good idea of what life there might be made.

It is a far cry from Mackay of Uganda and Bishop Hannington. There is less religious enthusiasm, less poetry and romance, much, very much more of statistics and economics, but it is Uganda up to date, and as such, very well worth the reading.

EIGHTEEN YEARS IN UGANDA AND EAST AFRICA, by the Right Rev. Alfred R. Tucker, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of Uganda 2 vols., cloth, 8vo., pp. 359 and 388. Price, \$8.50. New York: Longmans, Green & Co., 1908.

Like Sir Harry Johnston's *Liberia*, this is the authoritative and official standard for Uganda. It is many years since Miss Mackay, in her life of her brother, brought to readers of Church literature all over the world their first knowledge of this wonderful kingdom on the borders of one of the great African lakes. Writer after writer, Pilkington, Ashe, Harford-Battersby and a score of others have told the story of Uganda with special reference to some one phase of life. Now Bishop Tucker, with a statesmanlike sweep of view, gives us the Churchly, the philanthropic and the political aspects, and illustrates them from his own sketches and studies. The book is too expensive to be generally bought, but, if it can be obtained from a public library, it will amply repay the time which can be given it.

HANNINGTON, JAMES, FIRST BISHOP OF EASTERN EQUATORIAL AFRICA, by E. C. Dawson. Cloth, 8vo., pp. 471. New York: A. D. F. Randolph, 1887. Price 3s. 6d.

HANNINGTON, LAST JOURNALS OF BISHOP; by E. C. Dawson. Cloth, 16 mo., pp. 239. New York: A. D. F. Randolph, 1888.

HANNINGTON, BISHOP, C. M. P. C. Pamphlet 10c.

It is just twenty years since the American edition of the *Life of Bishop Hannington* appeared, yet it is not a superseded book. The blood of the martyrs is the seed of

the Church, and one can never understand the wonderful story of Uganda, without knowing the nature of the man who was so cruelly murdered by the people he went to help. His friend and biographer has portrayed his character very faithfully. His impetuosity, his fearlessness in danger, his high ideals, his resignation to death in the prime of life, are set before us with a transparent simplicity and deep affection. "He has completed the circle of that great ring of Christian stations of which the signet stone is the Victoria Nyanza, and has welded them together with his death."

The Bishop's Journals were written with great freshness and point. Many pages of them are included in the *Life*, and in the *Last Journals*, which appeared the following year. An account is given of a Journey to Palestine in 1884 and through Masai Land and Neloga in 1885.

OTHER GIRLS, by E. K. Snell. 127 pp. C. M. S. 1s. Illus. A description of the life of some representative girls in Uganda, India and China. The book begins by quoting the following advertisement which appears in a London newspaper in 1772:

"To be sold, a black girl, eleven years of age, who is extremely handy, works at her needle tolerably, speaks English perfectly well, is of an excellent temper and willing disposition. Inquire of Mr. Owen, at the Angel Inn, behind St. Clements Church in the Strand." *From The East and West.*

This book is intended especially to interest young people in missions and is of the same class as the two earlier books, *GIRLS AND GIRLS*. *BOYS AND BOYS*. C. M. S. Illus. The books suited for reading at Junior meetings are only in part about Africa.

PILKINGTON OF UGANDA Harford-Battersby. Revell. \$1.50

PILKINGTON OF UGANDA. 10c. C. M. P. C.

See Uganda.

PYGMY LAND, ON THE BORDERS OF, by Ruth H. Fisher. Cloth, 12 mo. pp. 215. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co. Price, \$1.25 net. 1905.

Perhaps no part of Africa has been more fully described

and certainly no part has had a more thrilling story than has Uganda. Those of us who have read of Mackay and Pilkington's work in the early years, and followed its career to the days of the Protectorate will find much to interest them in Mrs. Fisher's book. There are four kingdoms included in the Protectorate, the rulers of three of them being baptized Christians and earnestly seeking Christianity for their people. The fourth, the king of Uganda, is only a boy, but he is under good influences, and the future of the Church in Uganda is secure. Toro, one of the four kingdoms, was the scene of the labors of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher. It is, as the title indicates, on the borders of Pygmy Land, the country to the south being the veritable Dark Forest through which Stanley made his memorable journey. The book is delightfully written—a model of what such a book ought to be—full of information about the kingdoms of the Protectorate, to every missionary station of which the author journeyed in turn. Not less interesting is her account of the pygmies. The first pygmy to be baptized was under her care, and some of her stories are pathetic. We commend this book most highly. If but a limited number of volumes can be bought for a mission study class this ought to be among them.

TORO, Visits to the Mountains of the Moon. Written and illustrated by Bishop Tucker of Uganda. C. M. S., 1899.

A flat booklet full of pictures and descriptions of wonderfully beautiful mountain scenery; but the reader must bear in mind that since this sketch was printed the political and missionary situation has made wonderful changes.

TRAMPS ROUND THE MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON AND THROUGH THE BACK GATE OF THE CONGO STATE, by T. B. Johnson. 316 pp. Fisher Union Publishers. Illustrated. 6s.

The author worked as a C. M. S. missionary for five years in the kingdom of Toro, which lies to the west of Uganda. He had occasion to make several journeys in the neighboring districts. The longest of these included a march through part of the pigmy forest and a corner of the Congo Free State and round Mount Ruwenzori. Many

of the descriptions which he gives of the country and peoples are very graphic. In the districts in which missionary work has been started he has frequent occasion to point the contrast between the present and past conditions of the inhabitants and to emphasize the duty of extending missionary effort.—*The East and the West*.

UGANDA PROTECTORATE, THE, by Sir Harry Johnston. G. C. M. G., K. C. B., D. Sc. Cloth, royal 4to., 2 vols., pp. 1018. Price £2, 2s. London: Hutchinson & Co., 1904.

The territories under British protection in East Central Africa, between the Congo Free State and the Rift valley, and between the first degree of south latitude and the fifth degree of north latitude, are now comprised under the one generic title of the Uganda protectorate, and the object of the writer of this book is to give some description of the physical geography, botany, zoology, anthropology, languages and history of the country. It seems as if these two sumptuous volumes covered the ground so exhaustively that it would be many years before any attempt would be made to supplement them. To the student of Africa in any of its numerous aspects the book will be most valuable, helpful and inspiring.

The beautiful illustrations, colored plates and maps with which it is crowded, testify to the scientific thoroughness and enthusiasm with which this monumental work has been prepared. It is a book to think over, to dream over, to consult for reference on every conceivable question relating to the country.

Two maps will prove of especial value to the student of missions—that facing page 222 of the first volume, showing our knowledge of the equatorial lakes according to different travellers at different periods, beginning with Ptolemy, A. D. 150 and ending with the surveys of 1901, and another facing page 276 of the same volume, showing the prevailing religions and forms of belief.

The wonderful story of Uganda, as we have followed it in different books, is again told, and with vigor, distinction and finish, but so much more is said on this and allied subjects, that the book is in a class by itself. The size

of the volumes and their price may prove prohibitive for most mission study libraries, but if they can be afforded they are sure to prove most helpful. They give a broad view of a most interesting country, whose past history and present prospects are alike worthy close and extended study.

UGANDA, THE MISSION TO, by Sir Gerald H. Portal. Cloth, 8vo., pp. 348. London: Edward Arnold, 1894. Price 21s.

The question of the abandonment of Uganda by Great Britain became in 1893 a great political question in England. Many thoughtful men protested against the extension of the British Empire and advocated the abandonment of the position which Great Britain had acquired in the heart of Africa. To the missionaries the question was rather one of a breach of faith with the Buganda. They had placed themselves, in signing the treaty of Captain Lugard, under British protection, and to tear up a treaty so solemnly entered into was felt to be dishonorable. Moreover, the French party in the country were eagerly waiting for an opportunity of taking the place of those whose position in the country had hitherto been paramount. Sir Gerald Portal, under these conditions, was appointed by the British government to visit Uganda, and to report upon the advisability of their retaining or abandoning it. His caravan opened up a new line of march, which is described at length, and the survey of the situation is most manly, temperate and just.

UGANDA AND ITS PEOPLE, by Brig. Gen. Lugard, Governor of Nigeria. Cloth, 16 mo. pp. 175. New York: M. F. Mansfield & Co. Price \$1.00. 1901.

The bravery, diplomacy and skill of General Lugard is well known to us in the work of others. This very modest volume gives a capital resume of the first occupation of the country—the troubles of the missionaries and the general situation up to the Autumn of 1899. Sir Charles Eliot's much larger work, *The East African Protectorate*, continues the story and covers much of the same ground, but in a very compact form is here presented all the stirring events of the earlier days.

- UGANDA, MACKAY OF, by His Sister. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 480. London: A. C. Armstrong & Co., 1892. Price 3s. 6d.
- UGANDA, CHRONICLES OF, by R. P. Ashe. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 451. London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1894. Price 7s. 6d.
- UGANDA, PILKINGTON OF, by C. F. Harford Battersby. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 346. London: Marshall Brothers. New York: Revell Co., 1898. Price \$1.50.
- UGANDA, TWO KINGS OF, by R. P. Ashe. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 291. London: Sampson Low, Marshall, Searle & Rivington, 1888. 2s. 6d.
- UGANDA, THE WONDERFUL STORY OF, by the Rev. J. D. Mullins, M. A. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 208. London: Church Missionary Society.
- UGANDA, THROUGH MY SPECTACLES IN, by the Rev. Martin J. Hall, B. A. Pasteboard, 8vo., pp. 104. London: C. M. Society.

In varying ways, these books tell the story of the beginnings of Missionary interest in Uganda, the special work of Mackay, the troubles with Mtesa and Mwanga, the "two kings," the work of Pilkington, Ashe and others, and the terrible story of the martyrs. They all concern themselves with the early days of Uganda Christianity. Books dealing with the subject in more recent years are noticed separately. No part of Africa has been the subject of more interest than Uganda, both from the political and religious points of view, and the books concerning the country are very numerous and for the most part of great value. In *The Wonderful Story of Uganda* there is a touching tale of an African convert, Ham MuKasu, told by himself, and *Through my Spectacles in Uganda* is especially interesting to children and equally so to older people.

- UGANDA AND ITS PEOPLES, by J. F. Cunningham. Cloth, crown 4to., pp. 370. London: Hutchinson & Co., 1905. Price 24s.

The Uganda Protectorate includes no less than nineteen races and tribes, differentiated from one another by racial peculiarities and by dissimilar customs and practices. Mr. Cunningham assisted Sir Harry Johnston in the

ethnological part of his work, but so valuable did the latter consider the result of his researches, that he advised the publication of them in a separate book, which is, therefore, an anthropological supplement to *The Uganda Protectorate*. The keynote to the volume is to be found in these words signed by the author and standing on a page by themselves: "Anyone can rule a country who has a sufficient force at his disposal, but he alone who understands the people, their customs, manners and ambitions, can govern them successfully."

It is to the would-be civil servants of the Uganda Protectorate, therefore, that the book makes its appeal. All possible information about the peoples of that stupendous country is of the utmost value to those young Englishmen who are shaping their studies with direct reference to a livelihood there. The book is profusely and beautifully illustrated, and is not without interest, but it presupposes special reasons for special inquiry in a field which has no particular attraction for the general reader.

UGANDA TO KHARTOUM, by Albert B. Lloyd. Cloth, 8vo., pp. 308. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co., 1906.

For ten years Mr. Lloyd has labored as a missionary in the western part of the Uganda Protectorate. In that time he has taken two furloughs. The fruit of the first furlough was *In Dwarf Land and Cannibal Country*, and the present volume is the outcome of his second leave of absence. The most interesting part of the book is the account of the mission to the Acholis, a remote tribe dwelling to the northeast of Albert Nyanza, on the eastern bank of the White Nile. It was one of the earliest, perhaps the very earliest, mission to these people, and he found them most interesting, ready and anxious to be taught, and very hospitable to missionaries. When the time came for him to leave the country he sailed north to Khartoum and there took the steamer home. Now that we are watching with so much interest the extension of the work of the C. M. S. into the Soudan, Mr. Lloyd's book is especially timely. The labors of Mackay and Bishop Hannington belong to a past generation, and while

they laid the foundations, the goodly superstructure the later missionaries have reared is greater than they would have deemed possible. Uganda proper is hardly more than a sixth of the Uganda Protectorate, and in the last twenty years two hundred Christians have become sixty thousand; in place of one Church there are now two thousand and a Cathedral holding five thousand people. Forty two-thousand children are under instruction in the schools, and all this work is supported by the natives themselves. To make the work in Uganda an ideal for the work in the other parts of the Protectorate is the object of such men as Mr. Lloyd and his fellow missionaries.

UNIVERSITIES' MISSION TO CENTRAL AFRICA. *See East Central Africa.*

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VINCENT, F., *Actual Africa.* *See General.*

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The above are the official histories and reports of the two Societies which have the charge of all the Church of England Missions on the West Coast. Many details and narratives of interest will be found in their pages.

AFRICA'S FOREST AND JUNGLE, IN. By R. H. Stone. Cloth, 16 mo., pp. 282. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1899.

It is barely possible that readers who are particularly interested in the Yoruba Country of West Central Africa may learn something from this book, which is the work of a returned missionary, presumably a Baptist. But the omission of all reference to evangelistic work, except an occasional mention of a prayer or a convert, and the long winded descriptions of the fauna of the country, and careful accounts of the causes and results of tribal wars, make it difficult to tell what he did with his time, unless it was to travel, to hunt and to fight. Dates are also omitted—one would almost say intentionally, if the poverty of the literary style displayed did not account for this and for many other lapses. At all events we have the author's word that all the incidents narrated occurred some years ago, and the Yoruba Country, like all other parts of Africa, is greatly changed since the author's day.

CALABAR AND ITS MISSION. By the Rev. Hugh Goldie. Cloth, 16 mo., pp. 392. Edinburgh and London: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, 1901. Price 5s.

At the Bight of Biafra, on the Gulf of Guinea, where the coast of Africa bends to the south, is located the town of Old Calabar, where the Scottish Presbyterian Missionary Society has since 1841 been working. For many years the Rev. Hugh Goldie was at the head of the mission and in 1890 he wrote its history. Now a new edition with additional chapters has been prepared by the Rev. John Taylor Dean, which brings the book up to date. It is a record of the usual trials and encouragements, of the difficulties and dangers, defeats and victories of the little band of consecrated men and women who have been working for so many years to enlighten and Christianize the African native.

CALABAR MISSION, THE STORY OF THE. Written for children. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 40. By Jessie F. Hogg, late of Old Calabar. Edinburgh & London: Oliphant, Anderson and Ferrier. 1902. Price 6d.

The Calabar Mission was the outgrowth of the desire which the Negroes of Jamaica felt for the evangelization of their friends in Africa. The Scottish Presbyterian Society has been interested in it from the first, and the men who have had the direction of its affairs have been of unusual judgment and tact. The work has been singularly blessed, both in material prosperity and in the spiritual quality of its converts. The author tells its story in a way calculated to interest children, giving an insight into the life of a West African village, describing the native manners, customs and superstitions and giving an account of the mission work, past and present.

EVERY DAY LIFE AMONG THE HEAD HUNTERS. By Dorothy Cator. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 212. New York and Bombay: Longmans, Green & Co., 1905. Price \$1.75.

The first part of Mrs. Cator's book is given up to a description of her life in Borneo. Her husband was a Government official, so popular with the natives that she had unusual opportunities of seeing their everyday life, and she describes it with much freshness. The second part, entitled *Other Experiences*, describes phases of life on the West Coast. The writer speaks of missionaries and their work in a curiously aloof way, as if what they did was a matter of little interest—a mere incident in the life. The illustrations are good and plentiful, and the narrative gives excellent pictures of native habits and customs.

FETISHISM IN WEST AFRICA. By Robert Hamil Nassau, M. D., S. T. D. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 386. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1904. Price \$2.50 net.

The Rev. Wm. Nassau was for forty years a missionary in the Gabun district of the French Congo. His very exhaustive studies of Fetish enabled him to be of great service to Miss Kingsley in her chapters on Fetish in *Travels in West Africa*, and she gratefully acknowledges

her indebtedness. On his third furlough home in 1893 he wrote an essay on Bantu Theology, and this, enriched by ten years more of travel, study and close observation of native African tribes, was the nucleus of the present volume.

In all probability this study of the religions of African natives has been so thorough that his book will remain the standard for many years. To every traveller or missionary or writer is not given forty years to make a study of his subject. Here are the facts, vouched for by his own observation and investigation. On these facts he has built his own system of philosophy—feeble and faltering at times—sound and confident at others.

Let us hear his conclusion of the whole matter. He believes that it is possible for human beings to make pacts with the Devil, and share with him in some of his supernatural power as prince of the power of darkness and god of this world. He believes it is possible that fetish doctors have been temporarily entered into by satanic power, and that the missionary in his contest with heathenism, has literally to fight with the devil. Mr. Nassau knows of what he speaks. Those of us in a more favored land it behooves to learn, to listen and to wait.

FIFTY YEARS IN WESTERN AFRICA. By A. H. Barrow, M. A. Cloth, 16 mo., pp. 151. London: S. P. C. K., 1900. Price 2s.

There is a real sadness in this little story of a "venture of faith." In 1851 the West Indian Church inaugurated this missionary enterprise on the Rio Pongo of the West Coast of Africa, north of Sierra Leone. It met with a reasonable degree of success, and high hopes were cherished for a time, but as the political situation changed and the French gained increased dominion, it became more and more difficult to maintain the ground so painfully gained, and further progress became out of the question. Its story differs in few and unimportant particulars from that of other missionary stations in West Africa, but as a record of a truly fraternal spirit on the part of the West Indians to keep their kinsfolk in Africa, the story is worthy a sympathetic and respectful hearing.

This mission is largely sustained financially by grants from the S. P. G. and the S. P. C. K. In spite of discouragement two important missionary centres, reaching out to many smaller towns, have been maintained by S. P. G. missionaries.

GOLD COAST PAST AND PRESENT, THE. By George Macdonald. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 335. London: Longmans Green & Co., 1898. Price \$2.50.

The Gold Coast is a strip of land bordering on the Gulf of Guinea. The book is an account of the natural resources, vegetable and mineral, of that part of Africa, and gives some description of the characteristics of the Kru-boys, as the natives are called. But it is of no particular value as a book for mission study.

The Gold Coast is of special interest to Churchmen as the S. P. G. opened a new mission there in 1907 which was considerably reinforced in 1908, and arrangements are in progress to create a fourth diocese on the West Coast under the Church of England with Bishop Hamlyn (consecrated in 1905 to be an assistant to Bishop Tugwell of Western Equatorial Africa) as first Bishop of the Gold Coast.

GOLD COAST, NINE YEARS ON THE. By the Rev. Dennis Kemp. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 343. New York: The Macmillan Co., 1898. Price \$5.00.

The Rev. Mr. Kemp was a very faithful missionary of the Presbyterian denomination, and has labored most assiduously in his field. He has taken great pains to gather facts which will interest the reader, and his book contains much that will give one a clear account of the conditions under which missionary work in West Africa is being done. It is an exceptionally good book for Mission Study classes.

HAUSA LAND. By Charles Henry Robinson. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 279. London: Sampson Low Marston & Co., 1896. Price 2s. 6d.

Hausa Land, which is the country lying near the head waters of the Niger, is said by travellers to be a region of wonderful fertility. Its natives are of unusually fine physique and are intellectually much superior to the

other native tribes of the interior. But they are very ferocious, and it has been dangerous to travel in their country. Mohammedan missionaries have worked among them for years, and they are fierce and bigoted in their religious belief. The author thinks that the time has not yet come for any effective work among them.

LIBERIA. By Sir Harry Johnston, G. C. M. G., K. C. B., D. Sc. With an appendix on the flora of Liberia by De Otto Stapf, F. L. S. Cloth, royal 4to., pp. 1183. Price £2, 2s. London: Hutchinson & Co., 1906.

"The Republic of Liberia is an attempt and an atonement" says the author in the very opening of his preface. "It is an attempt to establish a civilized Negro state in the West African forest, and a somewhat paltry atonement, which has been made by Britain and her daughter in America for the wrong doing of the slave trade. We have allowed them to take—at least we have given them, a little garden to show what their husbandry can do. To this careless gift we should at least add time. Let us claim for Liberia at least another half century of trial before the world in congress pronounces decisively upon the success or failure of the experiment."

These extracts from the preface show the sympathetic spirit in which the book was conceived and written. The author thinks it is wrong to expect twenty or twenty-five thousand Americanized Negroes to effect in a hundred years as much as France and England could do in other portions of Negro Africa with unlimited resources in arms, money and men, during the same period of time.

The area of the country is trivial—but 43,000 square miles, but within these limits are locked up, the author believes, some of the great undiscovered secrets of Africa, besides an enormous wealth of vegetable products and perhaps some surprises in minerals. Here, also, is being tried the most serious and cautious experiment in Negro self-government.

There are only 12,000 Americo-Liberians, as they are called, in the entire country, and these inherit in many cases the enfeebled constitutions of their parents and

grandparents, the first emigrants. "Many of these were broken-down people, worn-out slaves, dissatisfied, sickly mulattoes or octoroons." The author has not too high an opinion of these Americo-Liberians. He says "Their ideals are pitifully Anglo Saxon," and he objects to their study of the Old Testament and the reverence in which they hold the Fourth Commandment! But he speaks favorably of the work all the missionaries are doing, and in chapter 29 on Social Life gives us a vivid idea of the tremendous disadvantages and difficulties under which they work.

Our Church began its work there in 1830. It is divided into four districts—Mesurado, Basa, Sino and Cape Palmas, and we have eighteen clergy, sixty-nine catechists and teachers, and instruct over 3,000 pupils. It gives us the credit of being very active in missionary work among the natives, but has very little to say about distinctively missionary matters.

The flora and fauna, much of which is very distinct from other parts of Africa, and the chapters on anthropology are considered in the second volume, and the last hundred pages are taken up with valuable vocabularies.

Like "The Uganda Protectorate" the book is too bulky and expensive for general use, but is most valuable for reference.

MIRACLE OF AFRICAN MISSIONS, A. By John Bell. Cloth, 16 mo., pp. 139. New York: Fleming Revel & Co., 1905. Price .60 net.

This is the story of the conversion of Matulo, a heathen of the Congo, under the teaching of a Baptist missionary. It is written as nearly as possible from his own standpoint, and gives a clear idea of the early life of an African native. His home, his parents, his hearing of the Gospel, his struggles against it, the opposition of his family, his persecution, his trial for murder, his release and his honored, respected and happy last years are described with touching simplicity.

NIGERIA: OUR LATEST PROTECTORATE. By Charles Henry Robinson. Cloth, 16 mo., pp. 223. London: Horace Marshall & Son, 1900. Price 5s.

A book entitled Hausa Land, which was published in 1896, gave to many readers their first knowledge of a great country at the head-waters of the Niger River. Its natives were superior, both in physique and mentality, to the tribes in any other part of Africa, but they were so ferocious and so completely under Mohammedan control that Hausa Land was deemed unsafe for missionary enterprise. But in 1898 the treaty was signed which brought this enormous territory into the British Empire, and as Nigeria we hear much, and are destined to hear more, of what we used to know as Hausa Land.

The author of that book, and of the one we are now considering, is the lecturer in Hausa in the University of Cambridge and his book is most interesting and valuable. Chapter VIII on Missionary Enterprise in Nigeria is especially noteworthy. The English missionary magazines have given us later news of the missionary movement, but the book presents the entire situation and will enable readers to follow the reports with fuller understanding and a more vivid interest.

NIGERIA, A RESIDENT'S WIFE IN. By Constance Larymore. Cloth, 8 vo., pp. 301. London: George Routledge & Son. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co., 1908.

It is not many years since Hausa Land, as the southern portion of the Soudan, lying at the head waters of the Niger river, was called, was a closed territory to missionary and explorer alike. Its inhabitants were fierce and war-like and the most bigoted of Mohammedans. But now all this is changed. The country is under British rule, and is becoming daily more ordered and civilized. It is now divided, for administrative purposes, into residences, which consist of the towns and villages in a given area, and to these residences the occupants feel it is safe to bring their wives and families. Mrs. Larymore, who had lived for years in India, went to Africa in 1902. Like a wise woman she sought her pleasure in her surroundings.

She gardened, she planted trees, she drove, she shot, she raised poultry, she gathered a herd of cows and made butter, she collected butterflies, she tamed all sorts of native animals for pets, she studied the symbolism of Hausa decoration and utilized it in her very remarkable embroidery, and last of all she has written a charming book on her life in Nigeria. Such a woman would find happiness and bestow it, wherever her lot was cast, and although there is no directly religious word in her story, it is a most valuable book for a missionary library, not alone for its information, but because of the loving, kindly nature of the philanthropy which shines so clearly in its pages.

NIGERIA, THE WHITE MAN IN. By George Douglas Hazzledine. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 226. London: Edward Arnold, 1904. Price \$3.50.

The map of Africa has been so changed by the acquisition by foreign nations of vast extents of territory that it is only to be expected that the nomenclature should also have been changed, and that we should be obliged to call countries by totally different names. What we used to call Hausa Land is now Northern Nigeria, bounded on its east, west and south by the Niger and the Benue rivers. We used to think of Hausa Land as a purely Mohammedan state, where missionaries could not safely work, and where the people, of an unusual degree of mental capacity and natural physique, were also most savage and barbarous. British rule has changed all this. English officials are located at various points, missionaries can teach and preach in safety, and a great deal of interesting information regarding what has practically been an unknown land is being printed in magazines and books of the day.

Mr. Hazzledine has given us a very pithy, pointed and picturesque account of what the white man may expect if he goes in an official capacity to Nigeria. He tells him what to take in the way of outfit, what to do to guard against climatic troubles, how to get along with the native, explains the attitude of England, and ends with some

excellent chapters on Fetish and Ju Ju. The book is full of color and charm.

NIGER COUNTRY, IN THE. By Harold Bindloss. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 336. Price 12s. 6d. London: William Blackwood & Sons, 1898.

Perhaps no recent book on Africa contains more graphic description of the conditions under which men carry on their work in that country than does this. It is to be hoped that conditions have changed in the eight years since it was written, for it paints a picture so lurid and dreadful that it would seem to have been written as a deterrent to any one who was thinking of seeking that country either as missionary, trader or official. The book holds one by its force and sincerity, but one reads it with a sinking heart. Although the author says that he thinks the work is great and well worth the doing, there are two chapters, the fourth and the twenty-second, so brutally plain spoken that one wonders what his real opinion is. It is an intensely interesting book but absolutely unsuitable for a mission study class.

NIGER TO THE NILE, FROM THE. By Boyd Alexander. 2 vols., Cloth, 8 vo., pp. 358 and 420. London: Edward Arnold, 1907.

It is a sad and striking commentary on the work of African exploration that a well equipped exploring party of four men, soldiers and scientists by profession, with acquaintance with the country, abundant supplies, and knowledge of medicine should lose half its numbers in little more than a year. Boyd Alexander, of the English rifle brigade, his brother Claud, Captain Gosling and Mr. Talbot, with their personal servants, many native attendants and a luxurious equipment, went across Africa from the head waters of the Niger to the head waters of the Nile, on foot and with carriers. The four men represented as many interests. Ornithology, ethnology, photography and geography were the chief ends of their trips, and there were many interesting side issues. But the deaths of Claud Alexander and Captain Gosling put an end to their scientific investigations, and coming home

with a scattered array of facts, photographs and impressions, Mr. Boyd Alexander has prepared this valuable book—a monument to his “lost comrades.” No one on reading it will wonder any longer that Africa is a difficult missionary field. The climate of “the land the rivers have spoiled”, its slave trading, its cannibalism and other terrible evils, and the low mentality of its people, render it the most difficult of all countries to enlighten. Great honor is due to those who are so faithfully working in so benighted a land.

SIERRA LEONE, SEVEN YEARS IN. By Arthur T. Pierson. D. D. Cloth, 16 mo., pp. 214. New York: Fleming H. Revell, 1897. Price 3s. 6d.

In this volume Dr. Pierson gives an account of the work of William A. B. Johnson, Missionary of the Church Missionary Society from 1816 to 1823 in Regents Town, Sierra Leone. He presents a lively picture of the condition of the natives in the first years of the last century, and describes the singularly devoted life of this, their first missionary. The chief interest of the book consists in its description of methods, foreign indeed to our traditions of to-day, but apparently efficacious at the time. The same Spirit operates, but the channels are of wide diversity.

SHERBRO AND ITS HINTERLAND, THE. By T. J. Aldridge, F. R. G. S. Cloth, 8 vo., pp. 343. London: Macmillan & Co., 1891. Price \$6.00.

The author, who was District Commissioner for the West Coast of Africa, has prepared a most interesting book in so careful and thorough a manner that one can feel it to be a perfectly just picture of the condition of the people on the Guinea coast. He goes most exhaustively into the study of the condition of the natives both physical, mental and moral, and in pursuance of this study has given several chapters to a consideration of their food, the indigenous products and the possibility of their economic development. The chapters on the secret societies, the Leopard, the Poro, the Bunda and others, are full of interest and of great value to those who wish

to realize to what extent our missionaries are exposed to danger, apart from climatic conditions, and against what enormous forces they must fight, in their efforts to reclaim the natives from the darkness of heathenism.

WEST AFRICA MISSION, A VISIT TO THE. By the Rev. A. W. Halsey. 12 mo., paper, pp. 71. New York: Presbyterian Board of Missions.

The work done at Libreville in the Congo Française and in the regions to its south and west, by the missionaries of the Presbyterian Church is very similar in character, though much less restricted in range, to the work our Church missionaries are doing in Liberia. It gives no new ideas to those who are familiar with that work, but it intensifies the sense of need.

WEST AFRICA, TRAVELS IN. By Mary Kingsley. Cloth, 8 vo., pp. 627. New York: Macmillan & Co., 1897. Price \$2.00

WEST AFRICAN STUDIES. By Mary Kingsley. Cloth, 8 vo., pp. 566. New York: Macmillan & Co., 1899. Price \$2.25.

These two books are so extremely interesting that it is hard to say they should be omitted from any list of works on Africa. The author's first visit to the West Coast was actuated by a desire to finish a work on Sacrifice her father had left uncompleted at his death, and she went to study Fetish. She had a gallant spirit and accomplished marvels, but she tells her story with a flippancy which is often shocking, and what she says about missions and missionaries has done a great deal of harm. But the chapters on Fetish are invaluable, and in the appendices are some interesting papers on The Condition of Trade and Labor, on Fishes, and on Diseases in West Africa.

SLAVERY, A MODERN. By Henry W. Nevins. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 215. New York: Harper & Bros., 1906. Price \$2.00.

This book is made up from the articles on the Portuguese slave trade which was one of the important features of Harpers' Magazine in 1906. Mr. Nevins travelled through West Central Africa and the Portuguese islands

in 1904 and 1905, and his report is a convincing demonstration of the fact that despite laws and treaties since 1830 there has been no effective suppression of slavery in practically its worst forms. This is "contract labor", a form of slavery in no way to be distinguished from slavery pure and simple save in the matter of legal forms. He gives revolting pictures of existing conditions, but he leaves the whole subject as a problem which cannot be solved except after the lapse of much time and with great difficulty.

THE EWE-SPEAKING PEOPLES OF THE SLAVE COAST OF WEST AFRICA. By A. B. Ellis. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 331. London: Chapman & Hall, 1891.

THE TSHI-SPEAKING PEOPLES OF THE SLAVE COAST OF WEST AFRICA. By A. B. Ellis. London: Chapman & Hall.

THE YORUBA SPEAKING PEOPLES OF THE SLAVE COAST OF WEST AFRICA. By A. B. Ellis. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 402. London: Chapman & Hall, 1894. Price 10s. 6d.

These essays in anthropology are of value to the linguist and the serious student of folk lore. The people who speak these languages all live on the West Coast of Africa, and their tongues are quite distinct, their common origin only to be determined by their construction and roots. The most westerly, the Tshis, are the least advanced in civilization, and the Yorubas, the most easterly, are the farthest advanced. The amount of seaboard held by the Yorubas is less than that held by the others and until recently they were an inland people. At the present time they are the leading people in West Africa. Missionaries on the spot would find the books of value still, though conditions have changed and the books are pictures of a by-gone civilization.

TIMBUCTOO THE MYSTERIOUS. By Felix Dubois. Translated from the French by Diana White. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 371. London: Longmans, Green & Co., 1896. Price 12s. 6d.

The past ten years have so changed the map of Africa that Timbuctoo is no longer inaccessible and the mystery

which enwrapped her no longer exists. But the story of a mighty by-gone life is very romantic, and the descriptions of the intellectual superiority of her former inhabitants, the Arabians, the wonders of their language, the traditions of the marvellous libraries once existing in Timbuctoo, the subtlety of her politicians and the entrancing beauty of the town in the old days are all most interesting and absorbing. The revival of her ancient glory is foretold with prophetic fervor and with the enthusiasm of a Frenchman. The mixture of romance and fact make it a rather noteworthy book, and the illustrations, maps and pictures are excellent.

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